## SULFONYLALKANOYLAMINO HYDROXYETHYLAMINO SULFONAMIDE RETROVIRAL PROTEASE INHIBITORS

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## **ABSTRACT**

Selected sulfonylalkanoylamino hydroxyethylamine sulfonamide compounds are effective as retroviral protease inhibitors, and in particular as inhibitors of 10 HIV protease. The present invention relates to such retroviral protease inhibitors and, more particularly, relates to selected novel compounds, composition and method for inhibiting retroviral proteases, such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) protease, prophylactically 15 preventing retroviral infection or the spread of a retrovirus, and treatment of a retroviral infection.